

February 23, 1999

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular session at 5:32 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Horwich, Lee, Messerlian, O'Donnell, Walker, and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows, City Clerk Herbers, and other staff representatives.

Mayor Hardison announced that subsequent to the posting of the agenda on February 19, 1999, the City Attorney's office received a phone call from the defendant's attorney in the lawsuit entitled City of Torrance v. Mission Air, Inc., South Bay Municipal Court Case No. SB99Z00284, proposing a settlement. As it was necessary for the Council to take immediate action in order to consider the proposed settlement and provide advice on how to proceed, Mayor Hardison requested that the item be added to the executive session per Government Code Sections 54954.2(b)(2) and 54956.9(a).

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to add the urgency item of City of Torrance v. Mission Air, Inc. to the agenda under Agenda Item No. 20 and to consider the matter in Executive Session. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

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Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order at this time.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section Nos. 54957.6, 54956.9(a), 54956.9(b)(3)(A) and (B), 54956.8, and 54954.2(b)(2), at 5:33 p.m., the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss the above-mentioned urgency item and matters listed on the meeting agenda.

At 7:22 p.m., the Council returned to Council Chambers and the meeting reconvened in regular agenda order. No formal action was taken on any matter heard in closed session.

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2. FLAG SALUTE/ INVOCATION

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steven Davis.

Pastor Jim Hawkins, South Bay Church of God, gave the invocation for the meeting.

Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory Cecil Powell, a retired Water Department employee, and Ray Mattingly, a Rolling Hills Estates Councilmember.

3. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING/WAIVE FURTHER READING

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved that after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS

None.

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee

Wednesday, March 10, 1999, 5:00 p.m.

Third Floor Assembly Room

Subject: Joint Meeting with Torrance Unified School District

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 16, 1999, 5:30 p.m.

West Annex Commission Meeting Room

Subject: Mid-Year Budget Review

Councilwoman Cribbs announced that the Ad Hoc Committee on Facility Naming Criteria will meet on Monday, March 22, 1999, at 5:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Assembly Room on the subject of Establishing a City Policy on Civic Center Signage.

Mayor Hardison noted supplemental material available at the meeting on Agenda Item Nos. 7e, 9b, 10b, 13b, and 13c.

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6a. RESOLUTION NO. 99-09 RE YUKON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RESOLUTION NO. 99-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING YUKON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR
ITS SELECTION AS A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-09. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison presented the resolution to Elaine Wassil, Principal of Yukon Elementary School. Ms. Wassil expressed her appreciation for the Council's recognition and commented on the school's efforts to increase learning skills and to focus on students as individuals.

6b. RESOLUTION NO. 99-10 RE STEVEN M. BLANKINSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 99-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE HONORING STEVEN M. BLANKINSHIP FOR
HIS DEDICATION, PROFESSIONALISM, AND CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison noted that the resolution will be presented at a later date.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

7a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 26, 1999

7b. TORRANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY GIFT FUNDS

Recommendation

The City Librarian and the Finance Director recommend that City Council accept and appropriate up to \$3,000 in gift funds for Torrance Public Library for the fiscal year 1998-99.

7c. LIBRARY DEPARTMENT DONATIONS

Recommendation

The City Librarian recommends that City Council accept donations from the Torrance Woman's Club, Helping Hands, Ms. Diana Brennan and Mr. Dave Quinn and appropriate them for the purposes specified.

**7d. PROPOSITION A FUND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF
ROLLING HILLS**

Recommendation

The Finance Director recommends that City Council approve an agreement with the City of Rolling Hills for an exchange of \$26,000 in City of Torrance General Funds for \$40,000 in Proposition A Local Return Funds from the City of Rolling Hills.

7e. **REJECTION OF BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF T-SHIRTS, SWEATSHIRTS, JACKETS, AND BASEBALL CAPS**

Recommendation

The Finance Director and the Parks and Recreation Director recommend that City Council reject the bids received for the purchase of T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, baseball caps, etc. Ref. Bid B99-04

7f. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT VIDEO PRODUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The Executive Committee of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance recommend that City Council authorize the execution of an agreement for video production services with Matrix Communications, Inc., for a total funding amount not to exceed \$30,000.

7g. **JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AGREEMENTS**

Recommendation

The Executive Committee of the Carson/Lomita/Torrance Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance recommend that City Council authorize the execution of agreements for employment and training services with El Camino College for Academic and Extension Courses (\$20,000) and Los Angeles Harbor College for Academic and Extension Courses (\$20,000) and Business Computing Workshops (\$20,000).

7h. **AMENDMENT TO BUS SHELTER AGREEMENT**

Recommendation

The Transit Manager recommends that City Council authorize the Mayor to execute and the City Clerk to attest to an amendment to Agreement C90-099 for the installation and maintenance of bus shelters with Outdoor Systems Advertising, Inc. extending the agreement for an additional seven years past its current termination date of September 4, 2000.

7i. **EPSON AMERICA, INC. CONTRIBUTION**

Recommendation

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council accept from EPSON AMERICA, Inc., one Epson Stylus Photo EX Color Ink Jet Printer valued at \$307 for use in the Police Department Photo Lab and six EPSON Actionscanning System II Scanners valued at \$600 for use in the Police Department's Detective Division.

7j. **APPROPRIATION FROM LAUSD TO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING
DIVISION BUDGET**

Recommendation

The Human Resources Director of the City of Torrance recommends that City Council accept and appropriate \$20,000 from the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) to the Employment and Training Division budget for fiscal year 1998-1999.

MOTION: Councilwoman O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYNCHRONIZATION ON HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD**

Recommendation

The Planning Director recommends that City Council adopt a resolution to allow the County of Los Angeles to synchronize traffic signals on Hawthorne Boulevard from Redondo Beach Boulevard to Newton Street.

Manager of Traffic and Transportation Planning Buchman noted that a corrected resolution was included in the supplemental material.

Councilman Lee related his understanding that the traffic signals on Hawthorne Boulevard are already synchronized. Ms. Buchman advised that this project will provide for better synchronization and extend it north to Redondo Beach Boulevard.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, CONSENTING TO DECLARING
THE PORTION OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD FROM
NEWTON STREET TO REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD
WITHIN SAID CITY TO BE A PART OF THE SYSTEM OF
HIGHWAYS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-13. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9b. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SUMMARY REPORT**

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council accept and file the January 1999 Capital Improvement Project (CIP) summary report.

Referring to written material of record, Assistant to the City Manager Sunshine advised that a summary of CIP projects scheduled for the first year (1998-99) of the 1998-2003 Capital Budget had been prepared and that an update will be provided every two months. He noted that he had received input from the Council regarding the format of the report and had included a two-page summary of the projects in the supplemental material as requested.

Councilwoman Cribbs related her preference for a recap sheet format, including columns listing the total projected budget and scheduled completion date, rather than a separate page for each project. She stated that she was pleased to learn that improvements (curbs, gutters, and sidewalks) on both sides of 223rd Street will be completed.

Councilman Lee noted that the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Basement Renovation project is slightly over budget and requested information about changes being proposed to deal with that budgetary shortfall.

Responding to Councilman Messerlian's inquiry, Mr. Sunshine confirmed that Newton and Madison street improvements are included in this year's budget and are part of Project No. I-5, Rehabilitation of Residential Streets.

Mayor Hardison stated that she found both the summary and the individual project sheets helpful, but suggested deleting the project sheet once a project is completed.

In response to Mayor Hardison's inquiry, Mr. Sunshine explained that all CIP projects scheduled for the 1998-99 fiscal year are listed on the two-page summary and that individual information sheets for projects that were not provided in this report will be included in the March 1 report, which will be available by the beginning of April.

MOTION: Councilman Lee moved to accept the January 1999 Capital Improvement Project summary report. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10. POLICE / FIRE

10a. FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Recommendation

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council adopt a resolution approving both the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Form 89 and OES Form 130 and authorize the City Manager to execute these documents on behalf of the City with following positions to be designated as "Applicant's Agent": City Manager, Assistant City Manager, and Finance Director.

Police Chief Herren explained that the execution of these forms will expedite federal disaster assistance in the event of disaster.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-14

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ADOPTING OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES
(OES) FORM 89 DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED AGENTS OF THE
AGENCY AND OES FORM 130, INDICATING COMPLIANCE WITH
FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF DISASTER
ASSISTANCE FUNDS IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-14. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

10b. JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCENTIVE BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Recommendation

The Police Chief recommends that City Council adopt a resolution releasing our allocation of Juvenile Accountability and Incentive Block Grant Funds to the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office.

Police Chief Herren advised that by adopting this resolution, the City will have an opportunity to receive Juvenile Accountability and Incentive Block Grant Funds and transfer them to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for the purpose of enhancing the prosecution of juvenile offenders and combating gangs and drugs in the community.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-15

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE RELEASING OUR ALLOCATION OF
JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY AND INCENTIVE
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS TO THE LOS ANGELES
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-15. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13a. SALE OF UNDEVELOPED ACCESS WAY TO TORRANCE BEACH

Recommendation

The City Attorney and the City Manager recommend that City Council direct staff to sell the undeveloped access way to Torrance Beach, located between 445 and 449 Paseo de la Playa, to the property owner to the north of the property for \$20,000 and distribute the net proceeds of the sale equally among the current owners of the lots from which the land was originally dedicated.

Deputy City Attorney Whitham presented the staff report (per written material of record). She advised that subsequent to the preparation of the agenda material, Mr. Lou Shreiber, the resident at 449 Paseo de la Playa, had contacted the City Attorney's office and expressed an interest in purchasing the undeveloped access property. She noted that both Mr. Roger Bacon, the resident at 445 de la Playa, and Mr. Shreiber were present at the meeting and wished to address the Council; and requested direction from Council as to whether they would like staff to institute a sealed bidding process.

Responding to Councilman Lee's inquiry, Ms. Whitham provided clarification that an auction would also be permissible.

Mr. Lou Shreiber, 449 Paseo de la Playa, explained that he owns the home but not the property to the south of the undeveloped access way. He stated that he had only recently learned of the availability of this property and would like an opportunity to confer with Mr. Bacon to see if they can come to an agreement.

In response to Councilwoman Cribb's inquiry, Mr. Shreiber indicated that he has the option to purchase the property on which his home is located anytime before January of 2011, an option he intends to exercise within the next few years.

Mr. Roger Bacon, 445 Paseo de la Playa, offered to submit a letter of credit to substantiate his bid if the Council's decision was to agree to his offer at this time, and expressed his willingness to meet with Mr. Shreiber to discuss the sale of property if Council chose to defer the matter.

City Attorney Whitham outlined the Council's options, and explained that after the City's expenses of approximately \$3,900 are deducted, the proceeds from the sale would be split among the original five lots that contributed to the property. After a brief discussion, the following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to defer consideration of this item for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13b. MADRONA MARSH NATURE CENTER

Recommendation

The City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee recommends that City Council approve the conceptual design for the Madrona Marsh Nature Center, and authorize the architect to proceed with the development of the construction documents in preparation for putting the project out to bid.

Councilman Lee, Chair of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee, reported that the Committee had met with the architect in early February and reviewed two concepts for the Nature Center, a design incorporating a central atrium (Plan A), and a single building under one roof design (Plan B). He advised that the Committee had voted unanimously for the atrium design and asked the architect to prepare various elevations of Plan A. He explained that the Committee favored the atrium design because of the ability to compartmentalize and close off sections of the building, and

noted that staff and the majority of the Friends of Madrona Marsh in attendance at the Committee meeting were comfortable with the design.

Referring to renderings of the project, Mr. Peter Phinney, of Bryant, Palmer, Soto, Inc., the project's principal architect, explained the building's orientation on the lot in relation to surrounding structures and the marsh, and highlighted the different exterior design elements of Scheme A, Scheme A1, and Scheme A2. He responded to questions from Councilmembers regarding the usage of redwood paneling and maintenance issues and indicated that he was amenable to the substitution of exterior materials to address the Council's concerns.

Parks and Recreation Director Barnett noted that every resident within a one-thousand foot radius of the project site, as well as homeowner's associations, had been notified of this meeting and invited to attend.

Ms. Venora Lee, representing Friends of Madrona Marsh, thanked Parks and Recreation staff for their efforts in the development of the Nature Center plans; expressed the Friend's preference for Scheme A1, with the addition of PV stone as a design element; and related her understanding that the programmable area would be increased to 8,000 square feet as agreed at the Committee meeting.

Mr. Phinney advised that the plans before the Council reflected an increase in the total programmable area to 7,995 square feet.

Using photos of a Nature Center in the Santa Monica Mountains to illustrate her point, Ms. Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, voiced strong support for Plan B, stating that building, maintenance and staffing costs would be higher for Plan A, and that the atrium would be cold in the winter, hot in the summer, and is not large enough to be useful as an additional classroom area.

Ms. Amy Wasserzieher, 3101 Plaza del Amo, requested clarification of the height of the proposed building and the duration of the construction, and expressed concern that her condominium would overlook the trash enclosure.

Mr. Phinney advised that construction would take 10 to 12 months, that the building's highest point would be 18 feet, and that the trash enclosure would be very discreet, with a trellis design element over the top.

Councilwoman O'Donnell left City Hall at 8:18 p.m.

Indicating that he favored Scheme A1, Councilman Walker commended Ms. Turner and all the Friends of Madrona Marsh for their many years of dedication to the preservation and improvement of the marsh. He commented that he has visited most of the country's National Parks and the proposed Madrona Marsh Nature Center would compare favorably with anything he has seen.

Mayor Hardison noted that the funding source for the project is Proposition A Funds approved by voters in 1992 and 1996. She indicated that she had carefully reviewed the plans and would be supportive of Scheme A1 in concurrence with the recommendation of the Friends of Madrona Marsh.

MOTION: Councilman Walker moved to concur with the staff recommendations and to approve Scheme A1 as design preference with the addition of PV stone as a design element. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

13c. SHORT-RANGE REORGANIZATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends that City Council:

- (1) Adopt a Supplemental TMEO MOU, restructuring the pay grid for Fleet Services Manager and Purchasing Agent, and adding Deputy City Clerk and Deputy City Treasurer.
- (2) Adopt a Supplemental TPSA MOU, deleting the Deputy City Clerk and the Deputy City Treasurer from the TPSA MOU.
- (3) Adopt a resolution for Certain Management Employees restructuring the salaries of General (Internal) Services Director and Finance Director.
- (4) Adopt a resolution for Unrepresented Employees adding a salary for Business Manager.
- (5) Approve an implementation date of February 28, 1999 for the reorganization.
- (6) Adopt a Supplemental TME-AFSCME MOU that will modify the Fire Apparatus premium and add an increase of \$0.30 per hour for all Equipment Attendants.

Assistant to the City Manager Keane reported that all the employee groups impacted had agreed to the elements of the short-range reorganization plan. She noted that Alan Lee, TME-AFSCME, Local 1117, had asked her to convey his thanks to the Council for their support during this process and his appreciation for management's cooperation.

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved to approve an implementation date of February 28, 1999 for the reorganization. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-16
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION
SUPPLEMENTAL #2**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-86 SETTING
FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES, AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED
BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES
ORGANIZATION (TMEO)**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-16. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by a unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-17
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE
TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION
SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-121 SETTING
FORTH CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL
AND SUPERVISORY ASSOCIATION (TPSA)**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by a unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

RESOLUTION NO. 99-18

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-79 SETTING
FORTH CHANGES REGARDING WAGES, HOURS AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN MANAGEMENT
EMPLOYEES**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-18. The motion was seconded by Councilman Walker and passed by a unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

RESOLUTION NO. 99-19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-84 SETTING
FORTH CHANGES REGARDING THE HOURS, WAGES AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR THE UNREPRESENTED
EMPLOYEES**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-19. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by a unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

**RESOLUTION NO. 99-20
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR TORRANCE MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES – AFSCME, LOCAL 1117 (AFSCME)
SUPPLEMENTAL #1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-133 SETTING
FORTH HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR
EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE
EMPLOYEES AFSCME, LOCAL 1117**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 99-20. The motion was seconded by Councilman Horwich and passed by a unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

16. SECOND READING ORDINANCES

16a. SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 3464

ORDINANCE NO. 3464

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 31.6.6 TO ARTICLE 6
OF CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 3 OF THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSES
FOR CITY SPONSORED EVENTS**

MOTION: Councilman Messerlian moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3464. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Cribbs and passed by unanimous roll call vote (absent Councilwoman O'Donnell).

18. ADDENDUM MATTERS

None.

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The Council met as the Torrance Redevelopment Agency from 9:13 to 9:14 p.m.

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19. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

19a. Mayor Hardison commented on a recent power outage at Golden West Towers and the lack of sprinklers in the building. She asked if the City would look into some manner of funding that might be available to the owner of record for mitigation.

19b. Parks and Recreation Director Barnett stated in response to a query from Shirley Turner, 23216 Juniper Avenue, that the Nature Center will be built within the construction budget of \$1.2 million.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Considered earlier in the meeting, see page 1.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:18 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, March 2, 1999, for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

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**Adjourned in Memory of
Cecil Powell and Ray Mattingly**

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance